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For: : Particle-Medicated Conifer Transformation

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 8, 2004, now extended to June 9, 2004, by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 with the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.